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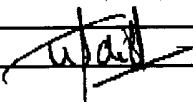
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PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS AND
CHARACTERIZATION OF
DIFFERENTIATED CELLS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

Dear Sir,

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 19, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on April 19, 2004. Accordingly, this paper is timely filed.

Please enter the following remarks.

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Election of Group for Examination

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application, and subject to a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC § 121 between claims in three groups.

Group I (claims 1-20) is hereby elected for examination on the merits.

Traversal of Restriction Requirement

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. MPEP § 803 indicates that a restriction requirement can only be imposed when examination of all the claims would impose a serious burden. The Office has not established that a serious burden would be imposed if the three groups in the present application were examined together.

In particular, claim 21 (Group II) and claim 22 (Group III) depend from claim 1 in the group elected for examination (Group I). Upon determination that claim 1 is free of prior art, the Examiner will be easily able to ascertain that claims 21 and 22 are also free of prior art. Accordingly, it does not create a burden to have all claims pending in this application examined together.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Request for Rejoinder:

Claims 21 and 22 are method claims that depend from and incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Applicant hereby requests that these claims (and all other method claims depending from claims in the elected group) be rejoined, upon determination that the base claim is patentable.

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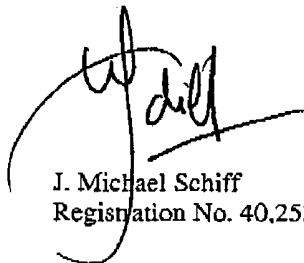
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the application proceed to examination on the merits, in view of the remarks made herein.

In the event the Examiner determines that an interview would facilitate prosecution of this application, she is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number indicated below.

Should the Patent Office determine that an extension of time or any other relief is required for further consideration of this application, applicant hereby petitions for such relief, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and other fees due in connection with the filing of these papers to Deposit Account No. 07-1139, referencing the docket number indicated above.

Respectfully submitted.



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